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REA ROLL CALL

For REA Men and Women in Service

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ALL REA DIVISIONS EXCEED QUOTA IN SIXTH WAR LOAN CAMPAIGN

The Sixth War Loan Drive ended in a huge success in REA recently as the ten divisions rolled up a total of \$49,619.75 in bond sales to top the agency's quota by more than \$18,000.

Every division exceeded its quota, from the Solicitor's Office mark of 100.04 per cent to Personnel Division's high mark of 214.28 per cent.

Divisional totals are:

DIVISION	QUOTA	BOUGHT	PCT.
Personnel	\$840	\$1800.00	214.28
Adm. Ofc.	840	1668.75	198.66
D & C	5320	10537.50	198.07
Tech. St.	1120	2100.00	187.50
Co-op-Op.	4200	7137.25	169.93
Finance	7280	11162.50	153.33
A & L	5040	7512.50	149.05
Mgt.	2240	2681.25	119.69
Info.	1120	1256.25	112.16
Sol.	3750	3763.75	100.04
		\$49,619.75	

COLUMN WRITE!

Sgt. Johnnie Fitzgerald is back on duty after being rendered hors de combat in a Jap bombing raid in New Guinea. He suffered a minor concussion, sprained ankle and a clavicular fracture (busted collar-bone.) Had to wear a cast for six weeks. . . . Another hospital case was Pfc. Sam Finkelstein who developed hepatitis and jaundice when he was attached to a machine gun company in Italy. Sam's division has earned four bronze stars to wear on their campaign ribbons for their Italian operations. They fought their way through some nasty mountainous terrain, broke through the Gothic Line, and at latest report were near the Po Valley. . . . Lt. George McPhee is still piloting a hospital ship, removing wounded men. . . . Lt. Al Stern is back in the States, doing legal work at the San Bernardino Air Base. . . . T/5 Al O'Donnell and Pvt. Bill Dean, two REAers,

SNUFFY SMITH DECORATED FOR SERVICE IN SOUTHWESTERN CHINA

Major Joseph P. (Snuffy) Smith is entitled to wear a bronze star on his Asiatic Campaign ribbon because of his outstanding service with the Chinese Expeditionary Forces, according to an Army Public Relations Office release.

Smith recently returned from a four-months assignment with the CEF, which is now battling the Japs in Western Yunnan, driving them from the area in order to re-open the Burma Road. He accompanied a Chinese group army as Y-Force Supply Representative in the combat zone, and marched with them over the tortuous, narrow trails of the ten-thousand-foot Kaoli Kung mountain range.

FOUR REA GROUPS HELP MAKE XMAS HAPPY HOLIDAY AT ST. LOUIS USO

Co-operation among four REA employee organizations brought smiles to servicemen and -women at the St. Louis USO Christmas Party who were the recipients of hundreds of gifts contributed by REAers during a strenuous week-long campaign.

A conservative estimate placed the number of gifts at more than 500 and the amount collected in cash at close to \$150. All cash collected was used to buy similar presents of books, handkerchiefs, soap, stationery, razor blades, tooth brushes, etc., etc.

Co-operating in the gift collection this year for the first time were the REA Athletic Association, represented by Charles Brown; National Federation of Federal Employees, Charles Delancey; United Federal Workers of America, Bernard Cohen; and REA War Veterans Association, Randall Leon.

enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner together in Australia. . . . Cpl. Rolando Franceschini, a Puerto Rican member of the (Column Write is continued on p. 2)

COLUMN WRITE!

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1942 engineer trainee group at REA and now stationed in Panama, visited REA offices recently to renew his acquaintanceship with D&C engineer Reggie Cole, a member of the first engineer trainee group (1936), recently returned from an engineering job on the Alcan Highway. . . . Souvenir Dep't: Lt. Bruce Watkins sent his former boss, M. M. Samuels, an unwrapped coconut (complete with milk) from the Pacific area. It had been stamped by the censor and required 35¢ in postage. . . . Snuffy Smith (see p. 1) sent the Roll Call editor a 1/4-rupee bill, issued by the Japs in India. . . . Tech Standards is all in a dither because Lt. Tex Williams (Navy) was sent to Camp Crowder (Army). They are wondering if the Navy is going to take over the Army. . . . Ens. George Scherrer now lives across the street from the Atlantic ocean and the entrance to Boston Harbor. . . . At the other end of the country is Y-1c Bessie Mai Fickert who has moved again, this time to a house close to the Pacific, with two other WAVES as companions. . . . CY Sam Hoss writes that he will be returning to Estados Unidos shortly. . . . Cpl. Ralph Chesley is still helping recruit WACs at K. C. . . . 2nd Lt. Stan Szwalek writes from somewhere in China that he is doing "support" work for B-29's, "worlds most beautiful. . . ." He adds that China is a great land and has plenty of room for electricity. "Maybe the Chinese can organize an REA here after we beat the Japs," he says. . . . P. O. Nick Martinez, still stationed in K.C., dropped in on REA friends at Christmas; ran into S. Moszczynski, who spent a week here. . . . Coxswain Bill Bryant is operating a switchboard in Hawaii and he loves it. Wish we had room for that excellent poem about REA which he enclosed. . . . We've put 2nd Lt. Henry Nooe, Jr., on the Roll Call list, in response to his request. Nooe transferred to Signal Corps from REA and was later commissioned. . . . If you would like to receive the Rural Electrification news, drop us a line.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Pvt. Phil Widman, CEM Tom Dunphy, Capt. Bill Britt and S/Sgt. Bill Schifter have sent Xmas cards to the Roll Call, asking that their good wishes be passed on to their pals in REA. Thanks! Same to you!!

GOING UP

(All the Latest Promotions)

Cpl. Ralph R. Chesley Sgt. John Fitzgerald
Pfc. Dean F. Coffman T/Sgt. Reuben Fields
Cpl. William C. Wise Major Roy G. Zook
Lt. R. C. MacClinch Major G. H. Stewart
Lt. H. S. Williams Capt. William Britt
M/Sgt. William Riley Cpl. Sydney Berger
Sgt. Bernard Loving Sgt. Samuel Saltman
1st Lt. Robert Gallup

WRITE THE ROLL CALL ABOUT YOUR PROMOTION.

QUOTES FROM OUR V-MAIL

Major Milton Pilcher V-Mails a "fervent hope that the war will end soon so we can all resume striving to improve living conditions in our country by increasing electrical service."

Pfc. Dean Coffman and F.C.3/c Ed Knight both send Christmas greetings via V-Mail, and Claude Ritter used the miniature mail to send us an address-change. (Note: The Army and Navy have both requested that V-Mail be used wherever possible, to conserve cargo space.)

NEW LOCATIONS

Ens. Herman Brettman, now at MIT, studying at Naval Radiation Lab; T/3 Howard Paine, now APO 17927, Frisco; S/Sgt. Ray Rex, transferred to 94th Bn., still at Camp Claiborne; 2nd Lt. Jim Bartolotta, now at APO 16828-C, Seattle; Major Gus Stewart, now at APO 410, New York.

HOW TO CATCH FISH: USE DYNAMITE

An unusual method of bringing in a load of fresh fish when all else fails is revealed in a letter from Lt. (jg) Harry W. Thiesfeld, now stationed in New Guinea.

The SeaBees at Thiesfeld's post are credited with finagling this one: they drop an explosive in not-too-deep water and then send the natives down to gather the fish. (If they don't lose this habit before they get back home, they may have trouble with the conservation groups and the game wardens.)

A WISH

FROM REA'ERS AT HOME TO REA'ERS ABROAD:

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING WITH IT YOUR

VICTORIOUS HOMECOMING
